

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT Application of )  
Kiyoshi MATSUMOTO et al. ) Confirmation No. 3936  
Application No. 10/525,211 ) Group Art Unit: 1794  
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For: STERILIZATION BAG (As Amended) )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of the foreign documents cited is enclosed.

Applicants certify that each item of information contained in the attached information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

The documents were cited in a "Notice of Reasons for Rejection" (Office Action) dated July 29, 2008 issued in a Japanese patent application corresponding to the present application. A copy of the Notice is attached along with an English translation.

It is requested that the accompanying information disclosure statement be considered and made of record in the above-captioned application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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